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Dear Mr. Snow:

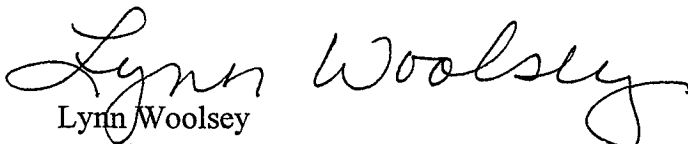
I am writing to express my support for the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission and the California Coastal Conservancy's application for CALFED Category III funding for the Hamilton Wetlands Restoration Project.

As I understand, funding would be used to restore up to 2,700 acres of tidal and seasonal wetlands in northern San Pablo Bay. Given that this restoration will directly benefit CALFED priority species, including Chinook Salmon, other fish species that migrate through the bay and migratory waterfowl, I urge that Hamilton be part of the "solution area" for CALFED.

In addition, the Hamilton wetlands project will make use of material that would otherwise be disposed of in the Bay. This will assist in implementing the interagency Long Term Management Strategy for dredging and provide environmentally beneficial disposal capacity for important Bay deepening projects.

Thank you for your careful consideration of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission and the California Coastal Conservancy's application for funding. It is my sincere hope that funding will be available for the Hamilton Wetlands Restoration Project to allow for the permanent preservation of thousands of acres of restored wetlands.

Sincerely,


Lynn Woolsey
Member of Congress

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